GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:337
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2000
EXPANSION OF MAJOR PORTS
NITISH SENGUPTA;VAIKO

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for expansion of major ports in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such proposal is lying pending with Public Investments Board;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be cleared alongwith the targeted date of the completion of this expansion work ;

(e) the details in terms of estimated investment and resource mobilisation;

(f) whether there is also a proposal to extend the facilities at Haldia port further to the south along the river covering Nandigram and Khejuri Police stations ; and (g) if so, the current position thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a)to(g) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.337 ANSWER ON 17.4.2000 ASKED BY SHRI VAIKO AND DR. NITISH SENGUPTA REGARDING EXPANSION OF MAJOR PORTS

(a)&(b): Steps have been taken to create additional capacity in existing major ports under various plan schemes as well as through private sector investment. A new Port at Ennore, 25 Kms. North of Chennai is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 950 crores with assistance from Asian Development Bank with a capacity to handle 16 million tonnes of coal. A total 157 million tonnes of capacity is expected to be added in Major Ports during the 9th Five Year Plan(1997-2002).

(c) &(d): At present, two Projects namely, Revised Cost Estimate for construction of a new Port at Ennore near Chennai and Revised Cost Estimate for the replacement of seven sub-marine pipelines at Marine Oil Terminal at Mumbai Port are pending with Public Investment Board (PIB). Targeted date of completion of these projects is July, 2000 and June, 2000 respectively.

No time frame for clearance of PIB can be indicated. However, all efforts are made to seek PIB clearance expeditiously.

(e) An investment of Rs 8543 crores has been envisaged for major Ports during 9th Five Year Plan of which Rs 1645 crores would be provided as budgetary support and the balance Rs 6898 crores would be met from the Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) of the Major Ports.In addition, an investment approximately to the tune of Rs 8000 crores is targeted to be raised through private sector participation.

(f)&(g) : There is no such proposal at present.